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Holiday with a great soundtrack

Weekend festivals offer a solo gig in Worcester and events, music in Rutland
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Weather



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Some clouds, some sun
High 78, low 60

WORCESTER MASSACHUSETTS

60 CENTS

LOCAL NEWS

WORCESTER

MED SCHOOL APPLICATION

Mayor Konstantina Lukes forms a committee to promote a downtown presence for UMass Medical School.
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COUPLE IN COURT

A Holden couple accused of nearly starving their 2-year-old son to death appear in court.
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WORCESTER

STATUE RETURNS TO SQUARE

The statue of Christopher Columbus has returned to Washington Square. It's been placed in front of Union Station.
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Seniors fail to collect

By Elaine Thompson
TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF

More than 19,000 Worcester County senior citizens who are potentially eligible for federal economic stimulus checks of \$300 or \$600 have not filed for them. To get the money by the end of the year, the deadline to file is Oct. 15.

The Internal Revenue Service, AARP, and local Councils on Aging have been trying to get the word out to seniors.

Stimulus checks filing deadline near

"There are so many people who don't realize this money is available to them and these are the people who need it the most with high fuel prices and rising food costs. This \$300 or \$600 can really make a difference to them," said Shanel Antunes, community service associate for AARP Massachusetts. Peggy E. Riley, a spokes-

woman for the IRS, said that agency got a list of potentially eligible seniors from the Social Security Administration and sent letters, including a sample 1040A form, to them in the spring. The effort was repeated the latter part of July, she said. "Some of them probably have not filed income tax returns in years because most of their ben-

efits are not taxable. So, they don't realize they have to file in order to get this," she said.

The federal government automatically sent the checks to people who file an annual income tax return. But people who received more than \$3,000 in qualifying income who don't usually file a return have to file a 1040A form in order to get the

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SHANEL ANTUNES
AARP MASSACHUSETTS

stimulus check. Qualifying income includes Social Security benefits; earned income, such as wages and tips; and certain railroad retirement and veterans benefits. Recipients also must have a valid Social Security number and not be claimed as a dependent on someone

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Dems roar with joy, naming Obama

Seeing history unfold at DNC

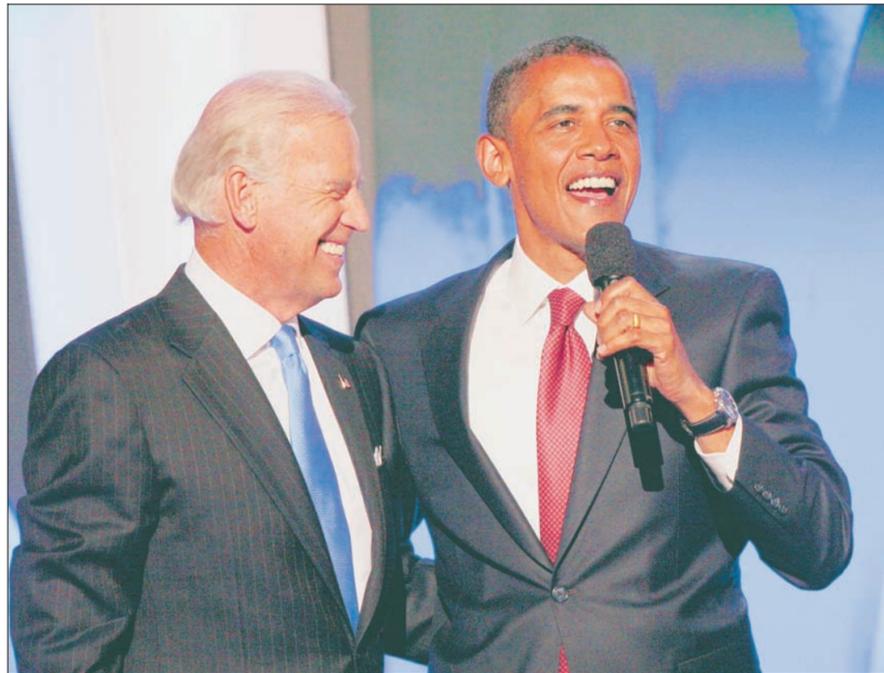
By Shaun Sutner
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While she has witnessed some of the most memorable political speeches of the year, Marianne Bergenholtz of Worcester said the most meaningful moment of her time so far at the Democratic National Convention in Denver this week was yesterday morning when she filled out her nomination papers for Sen. Barack H. Obama to be the Democratic standard-bearer for president.

"I was absolutely thrilled and honored to write my nomination for Obama," Ms. Bergenholtz said by phone from Denver yesterday. "I see unlimited promise for our country with Barack Obama."

Of course, Ms. Bergenholtz was in the house at the Pepsi Center Tuesday night, when Hillary Clinton appeared to repair frayed relations with the Obama camp, and the night before, when U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy triggered a huge emotional response from the crowd and

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Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack H. Obama, D-Ill., joins his running mate, Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., on stage last night after Biden's speech at the Democratic National Convention.

Surprise visit minutes after Biden address

By David Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Barack H. Obama stepped triumphantly into history last night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

"I think the convention's gone pretty well so far. What do you think?" called out the Democrats' man of the hour in a surprise late-night visit to the hall. The crowd thundered its approval, and he and running mate Joseph R. Biden Jr. basked in the cheers.

Obama implored the delegates to help him "take back America" in the fall campaign against Republican Sen. John S. McCain 3rd of Arizona.

Earlier, former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton asked the convention to interrupt its roll call of the states and make its verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory." And they did, with a roar.

Competing chants of

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Nation

QUESTIONS ABOUT MISSING COUPLE

Christian Gerhartsreiter's arrest has investigators re-examining property and friends of a missing couple.
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World

'TIPPING POINT' SEEN IN ARCTIC

More ominous signs have scientists saying that a global warming "tipping point" in the Arctic seems to be happening before their eyes.
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Your opinion

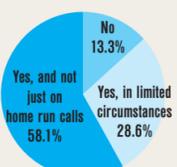
'No matter where we stood at the beginning of this campaign, Democrats stand together today.' — Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Florida

Today's

Do you think this week's convention has united the Democratic Party? Go to telegram.com to vote and offer your opinion.

Yesterday's

Should baseball umpires be allowed to check instant replays on home run calls?



Richard A. Keyes and Gina Beshai put soup in a bag for a customer at Dick's Lobby Shop.

Courthouse cuisine includes humble pie

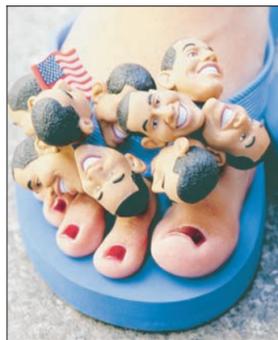
By Shaun Sutner
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WORCESTER — Courthouses are where disputes are usually resolved, but a conflict has arisen at the new Worcester courthouse that has little connection to legal matters.

This altercation is a food fight pitting Richard A. Keyes, the

blind proprietor of Dick's Lobby Shop, the new café in the basement of the massive courthouse, against Dean M. Gicas, who for many years ran a similar café in the old county courthouse that closed a year ago to make way for the move to the

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Flip-flop footwear bearing the image of Democratic presidential candidate Barack H. Obama. At right, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., calls for the nomination of Obama by acclamation at the convention.



Twins set new milestone

Wives give birth same day

By Steven H. Foskett Jr.
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WORCESTER — As children, fraternal twins Stephen and Kevin Yap dressed in matching clothes.

They both ended up graduating from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth together, and both received business information systems degrees. They even have similar jobs in information technology.

Now there's another milestone they share — their wives gave birth to each couple's second child on the same day.

Stephen's wife, Jennifer, gave birth to Carlee Yap, at 7 pounds 9 ounces around 5 a.m. Sunday. Kevin's wife, Kelly, gave birth to Aiden Nicholas Yap, at 7 pounds 8 ounces,



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Above, Stephen and Jennifer Yap pose with their newborn daughter, Carlee Marie, at Worcester Medical Center. At left, Kelly and Kevin Yap pose with their newborn son, Aiden Nicholas, at UMass Memorial in Worcester.

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